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National Intelligence Officers

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The Honorable Robert D. Murphy
Chairman of the Board
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Dear Ambassador Murphy:

Thank you for your letter concerning the possible availability of Mr. William Searle for work on the experiment in alternative analyses on Soviet forces. Certainly Mr. Searle's education and professional experience recommend him for this type of work.

When the experiment was begun, Mr. Bush designated Mr. [] to act as his coordinator and manager of the program. In his early planning [] did consider asking the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency to temporarily assign Mr. Searle to assist in the planning and support of the team studying Soviet objectives and policy. He interviewed Mr. Searle on the possibility and found him both interested and well suited to the task. As events developed, however, Dr. Richard Pipes -- the team leader on this subject -- structured his team work program in a way that made it unnecessary to provide him with additional assistance. In view of this, and knowing that Mr. Searle was doing equally important work in his present job at ACDA, Mr. [] elected not to petition ACDA for Mr. Searle's services.

The effort is now well on the way toward completion. As you know, however, it is an initial experiment and we cannot judge at this time whether or in what form such studies will be

conducted in the future. I will certainly keep Mr. Searle in mind if similar efforts are initiated and in the meantime will see that his potential availability for work with CIA is made known to appropriate officials in this Agency.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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The job Mr. Searle wants does not exist and may never be created. I do plan to interview him as a courtesy to Ambassador Murphy.

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